

N431 Adult Health II

Clinical Reflection Form

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Clinical Rotation Site: Radiology

1. Briefly write about today's experience(s)

The experience was smooth and seamless. The patient begins the process days before presenting to radiology by obtaining lab work. The patient receiving sedation must be NPO prior to the procedure. Some patients took sips of water and a small amount of Pedialyte but nothing to eat past 0330. The radiologist introduces herself to every patient, explains the procedure in detail, and welcomes questions. The procedures take between one hour to a few hours. The patient is brought back to the room, and vitals are monitored at the bedside every fifteen minutes for an hour. The patient is then discharged by walking them entirely out of the department. The response from all patients was agreeable.

2. What is one thing you learned?

This nursing student learned that the procedure for a patient having radiology services under anesthesia closely mirrors the protocol in PACU. However, the nurse accepting the patient in Radiology is the nurse for the patient from admission to discharge. The radiologist introduces herself to the patient and family and explains the procedure to obtain consent. The nurse anesthetist will greet the patient in the Radiology room and explain their role. The procedure is performed, and the radiologist will not be seen again by the patient before discharge. Results are uploaded to Epic and or communicated by the ordering physician.

3. What is one thing you would do differently?

This nursing student would not do anything differently for this experience. This nursing student enjoyed the Radiology experience and inserted skills where capable.

4. What is your major "take home" from today's clinical experience(s)?

Nurses in all settings play many roles. In this setting, the nurse was the comforter, the educator, the housekeeper, the timekeeper, the news reporter, and most importantly, the care provider.

5. Is there anything else you would like to mention?

The nurses were kind, the environment was clean, and this nursing student could participate in all aspects without hindrance.